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In Reply Refer To Application 2079

Mr. Ron Claudon Service Center Manager Roadway Express 2720 Mary Linda Avenue Roanoke, Virginia 24012

Dear Mr. Claudon:

This is to acknowledge your request for STAA reasonable access. The specific route you are requesting has previously been studied for Roadway Express as described below.

Reasonable Access Request No. 2079-1: SR 2325 from US 421 (NTN) in Wilkes County northward to SR 2324, then northward on SR 2324 to SR 2318, then westward on SR 2318 to SR 2327, then northward on SR 2327 to NC 268, then westward on NC 268 to SR 2353, then westward on SR 2353 to the Roadway Express terminal located at 804 Abtco Road.

Reasonable Access Request No. 2079-2: US 421 from NC 16/18 in Wilkesboro, Wilkes County northward to Industrial Park Drive in Boone, Watauga County, then northward on Industrial Park Drive to the Carroll Leather Goods terminal at 278 Industrial Park Drive.

The route shown as Route Number 2079-1 was previously approved on August 6, 1989 for Roadway Express. Once a route is approved, it remains in effect unless we subsequently determine it is an unsafe route. Therefore, this route is still approved and will not need to be investigated again.

We have received several requests from various companies requesting that they be given STAA reasonable access on US 421 between Wilkesboro and Boone (Route Number 2079-2). We are currently performing additional safety and traffic operational investigations along this route. We are looking at every possible option to help address the mobility and commerce concerns that are being indicated to us by the trucking industry, but still enhancing and protecting the safety of the traveling public. We will notify you upon completion of this study on US 421.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

J. Kevin Lacy, P.E.

State Traffic Engineer

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Wilkes County 2079-1



